



**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/433,418

Filing Date: November 4, 1999

First Named Inventor:

Joel B. EPSTEIN

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: Mojdeh, BAHAR

Attorney Docket Number: 215064.00028

**Attorney Customer Number: 27160**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

i.  Enclosed:

ii.  Amendment/Reply

iii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv.  Information Disclosure Statement

v.  Other \_\_\_\_\_



2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required.)

b.  Other

3. Fees

a.  The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i.  \$385.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Petition for extension of time and Check in the amount of \$740.00

iii.  Other

b.  Checks in the amount of \$385.00 and 740.00 are enclosed.

c.  The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

**Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

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Signature: 	Date: May 21, 2004
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Application of: Joel B. EPSTEIN

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For: METHOD OF TREATING GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS USING TOPICAL ACTIVE CORTICOSTEROIDS Attorney Docket No. 215064.00028

**AMENDMENT**

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.